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Massengale to call it quits in '94

By KIM DESPINS

Martin A. Massengale, president of the University of Nebraska system, announced Friday his decision to step down when his three-year contract expires in January 1994.

Massengale's announcement came amidst speculation that the Board of Regents would be split on a decision to renew his contract.

"Every institution needs to take a fresh look at itself periodically, and the decision I am announcing now will assist in that effort," Massengale said in a statement.

Regent Nancy O'Brien said she respects Massengale's decision to not ask for a contract extension.

"I respect his right to make that decision and I can certainly understand why he chose to go in that direction," she said. "I don't have any feelings on whether that was a good decision or a bad decision. Only time will tell."

Massengale has spent the past 17 years within the NU system. He began as vice chancellor for Agriculture and Natural Resources before serving as Chancellor for UNL. Massengale became interim president in July 1989, when the Board of Regents removed former president Ronald Roskens.

When a search committee named four finalists for the presidency in November of 1990, Massengale was not among them. The board then conducted interviews with the candidates, including an unannounced interview with Massengale. The four candidates later withdrew from consideration, and the Board of

Regents offered Massengale the presidency on a 5-3 vote. He accepted the three-year contract and became president of the NU system on Jan. 1, 1991.

Speculation arose that Massengale was stepping down because the regents would be split on a decision to renew his contract in 1994. O'Brien said that speculation is meaningless.

"The speculation about whether half the Board of Regents supports Martin or half doesn't, is just that," she said. "It's just speculation. That information is two years old."

In his statement, Massengale agreed with O'Brien's opinion about the speculation.

"There has been a good deal of speculation about the evaluation process and the extension of my contract," he said. "There is too much important work to be done to allow these distractions to take up our time."

Board of Regents Chairman John Payne said the supposed "split" between the regents shouldn't affect the board.

Massengale said his was a "personal and professional decision" and declined to comment on what his future plans might be.

"I'm considering different options, and I'm not prepared to speak of those at the moment," he said.

On finding a new president, O'Brien said she favors looking outside of the NU system for a replacement.

"The last two presidents have come from inside the system and with lots of controversy attached to that," she said. "I guess that maybe I'd be inclined to look outside."



—FLE PHOTO

NU President Martin Massengale Friday announced his plans to step down after his contract expires in January 1994.

Registration filled with confusion, closed classes

By JULIA M. YBARRA

It's 7:35 a.m. and a line has already begun to form. Students anxiously glance at their watches and fumble in their backpacks. At 7:50 a.m., the line has lengthened to the extension of the hallway. Staring ahead at the brown partitions that separate them from their destination, the students wait, but all chatter ceases as the bell tower chimes eight times.

At this long-awaited moment, Barbara Davis steps out from behind the partition and addresses the first student in line.

"Do you have your yellow enrollment card?"

Registering for classes is a process students go through usually twice a year. In the haste to sign up for desired courses, students hand their schedule cards to the same women every semester. Barbara Davis is one of these women.

A big, burly student withdraws his crushed card from the bottom of his bag and hands it to Davis. After smoothing the wrinkles, she kindly tells him that he isn't scheduled to register until 10 a.m.

"That's something students aren't always aware of," Davis says, "that they can't register before their appointed time."

Davis, a retired teacher, is a member of the Faculty Women's Club, a group of retired faculty members and the wives of current or retired faculty members. For 20 years, the club has donated its time to help out with the registration and "drop/add" processes.

"One of the problems that we have (in finding people to work registration) is a person has to be someone who is not employed elsewhere because of having to work during the day," Davis says. "And as the enrollment grows, we need more help. Sometimes we're a little short-handed."

When I note there are only women helping out, Davis laughs.

"Well, I think they probably accept male spouses," Davis says, "but I'm not sure they'd last."

The faculty women control the main stations of the registration process. They check the cards at the door, type the classes into the computer and hand the completed schedules out. Davis explains that they trade stations every hour so a person isn't in one place too long.

After standing at the door for a while, Davis goes to the table where she checks the cards more thoroughly.

"This is where we check the classes they're taking,"



—ED CARLSON

Barbara Davis does computer work during registration.

Davis says. "For example, certain math and English courses have special cards."

A tall, thin girl walks up to the table and hands Davis her card. Everything is filled out but the classes she wants.

"You're in the College of Business, right?" Davis asks, noting the almost illegible scratches at the top. "Go over to the business advisor at that table and he should be able to help you choose classes."

After sitting there for a while, I realize that many students come in with no classes written down. Davis says that is common.

"The purpose of having an advisor is to help guide them in choosing classes," Davis says. "But sometimes students get the signature and go on their own."

Once her shift at the table is finished, Davis goes over to the next station to type the desired schedules into the computer. She says the system is not difficult and can be learned in a day.

"For many of us, computers are new things and they're sort of scary," Davis says. "But it's so much better than the old way."

Before the employment of the current computer system for registration purposes in 1986, the process was done by hand. Davis remembers those days.

"The faculty women did this before the computers and we did what they call 'pull cards'," Davis explains. "There was a card for each student and for each class they wanted. This used to be in the Fieldhouse where it was really cold. We'd wear long johns, socks, hoods and coats and sit there with scarves wrapped around."

If freezing in the Fieldhouse and pulling cards wasn't work enough, the faculty women were not paid for their services.

"I'm not sure what minimum (pay) is now, but we do get a small wage," Davis says. "However, in the beginning it was all volunteer."

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Pre-Classes

Renovation plans empty Hall for summer

By Kim Despins

There will be no classes in the Arts and Sciences Hall this summer.

No, this doesn't mean UNO students are getting a break from their studies. The building is undergoing its second phase of remodeling, said Dave Irvin, manager of facilities planning and space management.

Irvin said the second phase involves shutting down and replacing the existing mechanical system and doing some electrical work. Because the mechanical systems control the heat, air conditioning and air circulation in the building, classes and offices will have to be moved.

With no air circulation and lots of noise and dust, Irvin said, the building will not be a good place to work.

"Imagine trying to go through a summer in an office with no air conditioning and no whatsoever and sealed windows.

"There's no way you could work there."

Remodeling began during the winter break with some asbestos removal, Irvin said. The rest will be completed in the summer because there will be fewer students and faculty on campus.

"It's going to have a huge impact at any time, as short as we are of space," he said. "That impact is less in the summer than it would be during the regular school year."

Irvin said the new mechanical system will make the temperature in the building easier to regulate.

"The system that's in there now was great in the 1930's when it was built, but it doesn't meet current standards," he said.

"I'm sure any of the professors or students that have been there could tell you, it's very tough for us to regulate it properly."

Also included in the second phase is the renovation of the old theater in the Arts and Sciences Hall. Irvin said the theater will be gutted and made into two floors.



—Ed Carlson

Stuck at school

A UNO student unsuccessfully tries to maneuver his car in the snow outside of Annex 26 Monday.

The third and final phase of remodeling will put the finishing touches on the building and "bring it up to date," Irvin said. Funding has been requested for the third phase and is still being considered.

The first phase, completed in the summer of 1987, wasn't as large as the second, Irvin said, but still was an inconvenience.

"Those faculty who lived through that summer can tell you that it was very dusty and disruptive. They nicknamed their building 'Little Beirut,'" he said.

Irvin said he doesn't foresee any classes being cancelled because of the renovations.

"We'll find a place for them, by hook or by crook," he said.

To solve the space problems of the second phase, Irvin has asked departments to look at the space they have and give up what they can. So far, Irvin said, the departments have been very creative about minimizing the amount of space they need.

"It's going to be tough," he said.

"We're going to have to get very creative."

UNK begins search for new chancellor

By Kim Despins

University of Nebraska President Martin A. Massengale has named the members of an advisory search committee to recommend nominees for chancellor at the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK).

The current chancellor at UNK, William Nester, has announced his plans to retire, effective Aug. 1, 1993. He has been chancellor for the past 10 years.

Betty Becker-Theye, dean of Fine Arts and Humanities at UNK, has been chosen as chair for the committee.

The committee will head a national search and submit a list of candidates for chancellor to the Board of Regents. Becker-Theye said she hopes to have the list completed before the end of the spring semester.

Because Nester will leave the university in a good position, Becker-Theye said she believes the position will be attractive to many potential candidates.

"I think this is a good position because Chancellor Nester has really left the institution in a strong position," she said. "I think it will be an attractive position as part of the University of Nebraska."

Becker-Theye said the committee will meet with Massengale this week to discuss the job description and other details.

In addition to Becker-Theye, the members of the committee are: Kathryn N. Benz, UNK associate professor of English; Inger Curtis, a UNK graduate student; Theresa Fraley, a UNK clerical assistant; Marilyn Hadley, UNK professor of professional teacher education; Patricia Hageman, assistant professor of physical therapy educa-



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UNK Chancellor William Nester, who has headed the university for 10 years, will retire in August.

tion, NU Medical Center; Leland Holdt, chairman of the board of Security Mutual Life in Lincoln; Gene Koepke, UNK vice chancellor for academic affairs; Richard Lungrin, owner of Lungrin's for Men, Kearney; Wayne McKinney, chairman, Platte Valley State Bank and Trust Co., Kearney; Irma Odell, UNK assistant professor and director of intramural sports; James Roark, UNK professor of chemistry; Kathleen Smith, UNK associate professor of business; and Michael Whalen, a UNK undergraduate student.

In naming the members of the committee, Massengale noted that the selection of the

next chancellor is an important decision for the future of UNK.

"I am pleased that these distinguished members of the UNK faculty and staff as well as community and business leaders are willing to devote their time and efforts to assist in the search for a new candidate," Massengale said in a statement.

The regents' bylaws call for the president to select a new chancellor when a vacancy occurs. The chancellor of each campus also holds the rank of vice president of the University of Nebraska. Massengale said he hopes to have the position filled by the start of the fall semester.

Clips

Rope a membership

Ak-Sar-Ben memberships are now available for 1993.

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ACA to meet at UNO

Adult Children Anonymous will hold meetings at UNO on Tuesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Student Center Board Room.

Adult Children Anonymous is a nationwide network of people who grew up with alcoholism, other dysfunctions and the associated family problems. The group is not a religious or professional therapy organization. It provides the opportunity for people to talk about their problems in a comfortable and non-judgemental environment.

Pink Floyd does lasers

Music by Pink Floyd and Garth Brooks will accompany the January LaserMajic shows.

The Pink Floyd shows are on Fridays at 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. through Jan. 29.

The Garth Brooks shows are on Saturdays at 8:30 p.m. and 10 p.m. through Jan. 30.

Admission to the LaserMajic shows is \$4 for adults and \$3 for students, children and senior citizens.

Also beginning in January is "Voyages of the Mind." This program looks at the legends surrounding the winter constellations known to ancient Greek, Chinese and Native American cultures.

The show is on Saturdays and Sundays at 2 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$2 for students, children and senior citizens.

Applications are due

The deadline is approaching for applications for the Paul L. Beck Faculty/Staff Honors Scholarship.

A \$500 scholarship for full-time students is being offered to qualified applicants. A \$250 scholarship is offered for part-time students. The application deadline is Feb. 1.

Selection criteria and applications are available for the UNO Financial Aid office. For more information call the UNO Faculty Senate office at 554-3598.

After entering a student's social security number into the system, a statement flashes on the screen, "Not admitted for term."

Davis calls that person's name and tells him he's not recorded as a UNO student and must go back to the Admissions table on the other side of the room.

In addition to "not admitted for term," "closed class" is another frequent boldfaced phrase.

"Some students get frustrated with closed classes and we try to help them with what they need," Davis says. "Depending on

the situation, there are 'troubleshooters' from the Registrar's office and a last resort is to call the Registrar, but that's seldom."

The last station is standing at the printer and handing out the schedules. The buzz of the printer heralds the arrival of a new schedule, and Davis announces the student's name very carefully, as she dislikes mispronouncing names.

The student walks up and Davis releases the paper with one final instruction.

"Make sure it's correct before you leave."

Working in the registration process has its hazards, Davis

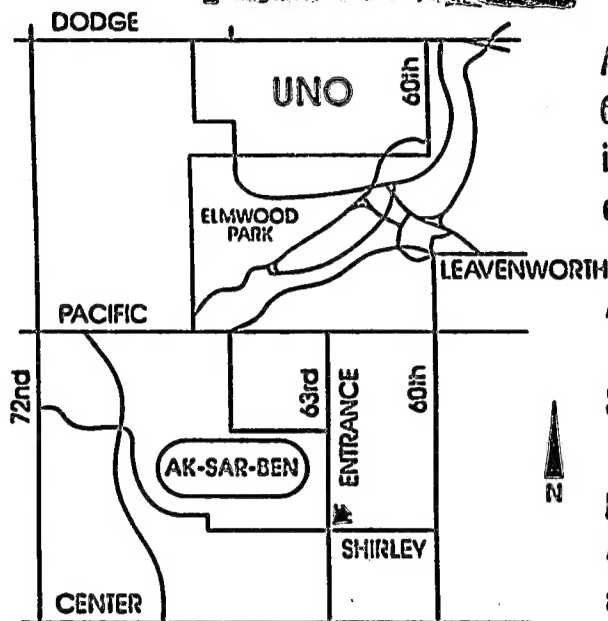
says, the most primary dealing with irate students. However, she says that is not very common, because if a student gets angry, usually they walk off.

"With 17,000 students, problems are generally few," Davis says. "In fact, we get a lot of compliments from students who say it runs smoothly."

According to Davis, the attraction of helping students register is not the pay, but the company.

"It's been a close-knit group of ladies," Davis says. "It's a fun part-time job. We wouldn't be here otherwise."

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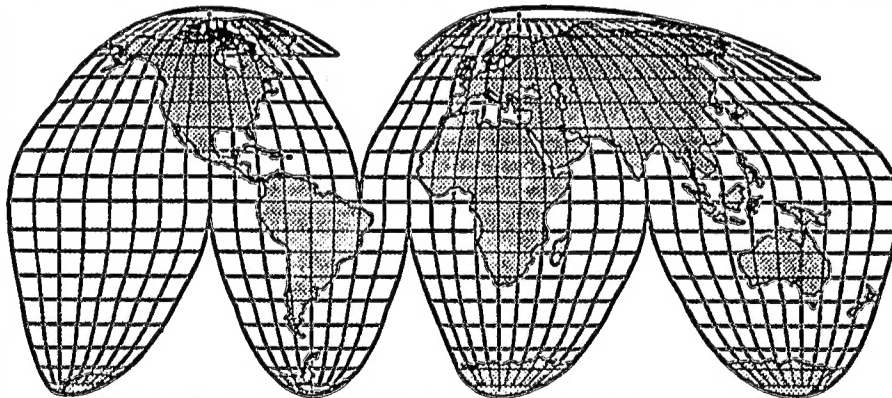
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Opinions and Viewpoints

A brief look at political issues

News flash from the National Press: At a McDonald's in Little Rock, Arkansas, Elvis was thought to have been seen today ordering the new double-cheeseburger special with fries. On closer look, however, the man turned out to be President-elect Bill Clinton sporting the newest in rhinestone-covered jogging wear and some cheap sunglasses.

Aaahh, we can hear them now: the jokes, the sneers, the comments, and the I-told-you-sos as pundits from around the nation examine the Bill Clinton presidency over the course of the next semester. But before the Clinton-fest begins, and as the new semester commences, I'd like to offer a few remarks concerning several different issues that are on my mind:

—Have you heard of the latest twist on the Monte Python skit "The Spanish Inquisition?" It's called the Missionaries to the Pre-born, a group of buffoons who go around doing Christ's work by harassing church members, defacing church property, and sending cards depicting dead bodies to members of the Lord of Love Lutheran Church. When asked about the tactics, the leader of the boob troop, Barry Kilbane, responded by saying, "I do what God tells me to do." I take this to be the same God who told Steve Exon to push for a ban on Madonna's book "Sex" and then to turn around to promote gambling in Nebraska. I ask this: when will the Bible thumpers learn not to impose their perverse morality on others?

—Speaking of perverse morality, Donna Shalala, Queen of Political Correctness, is up for a cabinet post in the Clinton administration. For those not in the know, Ms. Shalala is chancellor at the University of Wisconsin, where at one time she tried to pass a school code barring hate speech (i.e., racist and sexist remarks.) This was not just any kind of hate speech,

STEPHEN McINTYRE columnist

however, but the kind used against minorities and women. So much for First Amendment rights, but perhaps Bill Clinton will hire Marge Schott as Assistant Secretary under Ms. Shalala to bring balance into the administration. Or maybe Ice T?

—Along the same line, racism still exists in America. However, racism as the primary reason blacks, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, etc., cannot move up the social ladder is a sham put up by people who want to make certain kinds of behavior legitimate. Face it, there are many other ethnic groups (Chinese, Japanese, Jews, Italians, etc.) who also started with the doors closed in their faces but have managed to move up the economic scale. Why is this? Are we, as Americans, only racist towards certain groups? Or can it be that successful ethnics possess certain habits and behaviors that help them attain higher economic levels? This may be explored at a later time.

—The Clintons' last week made a resounding case for school choice by opting to place Chelsea in a private school. And of course the national teachers' unions are a wee bit upset at the selection. Why shouldn't they be? They fought so hard to elect a president who believes strongly in the value of public education as it is right now. So what if high school graduates can't read and write or are math phobics; at least they can sew, cook, and raise a baby, right? Let's hope our next president does the right thing and promote both school choice and voucher systems.

—The good news: the economy is rebounding from recession just as President Bush said it would. The bad news: Bill Clinton is going to fix it.

—Tara Muir is gone (she graduated last semester.) I will not say that I'll miss her—she gave liberals like myself a bad name. Actually, I'm more of a civil libertarian who believes strongly in a laissez-faire approach to business and the economy—a classical liberal, if you will. Most of today's liberals seem to believe government interference is the best way to correct social evils; to a point this is true, but I believe real change only comes when you reform the behaviors that are harmful to society.

That is why, for instance, I'm against legislation of abortion: It does nothing to change the irresponsibility of people and it makes safe abortion less of an option. That's why I'm against hiring preferences: It demeans the human spirit and helps to keep down those people (as an ethnic group or "race") struggling to pull themselves up. That is why I'm against the abridgement of the First Amendment right to free speech: No amount of political correctness can ever stamp out the causes of racism. The best way to fight social evils is to provide honest information and to educate, not to legislate.

Now then, onward to the spring semester!



Closed doors hide controversy

If the University of Nebraska Board of Regents need a fight song, they might want to choose the tune "Behind Closed Doors."

The regents seem to make their biggest decisions when the doors are closed and they are away from public scrutiny.

In 1989, the regents met in closed session and convened without an NU president. Ronald Roskens, a former UNO chancellor and NU president at the time, was ousted from the position he held for 12 years without public explanation.

Three and a half years later, only God and the regents know exactly why Roskens was removed.

But the secrecy didn't stop there.

A search committee to find Rosken's replacement cost thousands of dollars and took six months to narrow down the finalists for the position to four. The finalists were qualified individuals from universities in Kansas, Colorado, Kentucky and Missouri. But the regents chose to interview another candidate from Nebraska not included in the list of finalists. That Nebraskan was interim president Martin Massengale, then the chancellor at UNL. The four finalists proceeded to withdraw from the race and, lo and behold, Massengale was named president by a 5-3 vote.

Massengale's appointment caused some animosity between the regents, though, and two new regents who were not around when the vote came down said they probably wouldn't have chosen him. This caused concern among the regents, and when Massengale received his annual evaluation in April, it was done in secrecy, and the regents declined to say what took place. Some regents said Massengale would be evaluated

again in December, but that evaluation was then put off until the Spring.

An informal evaluation behind closed doors may have taken place in November, when half of the board and Massengale reportedly met at a regent's home to discuss Massengale's performance evaluation. The other half of the members of the board weren't even invited to the meeting.

And on Friday, amidst speculation that the regents would not renew his contract, Massengale announced that he would not ask for a contract extension. Maybe Massengale, hand-picked to hold the reins of the NU system, was never given a chance.

Maybe the animosity over the close vote by the regents to give him the job never abated among the regents, causing the need to oust the president

regardless of what kind of job he did. Or maybe Massengale wasn't effectively doing his job.

The world may never know, just as we will never find out what caused the regents to lift the red carpet under Rosken's feet.

In the meantime, the taxpayers of Nebraska will have to continue to clean up the board's financial messes. In 1989, \$250,000 was forked out to Roskens to buy off his contract and benefit package. Less than a year later, a presidential search committee was payed big bucks to find a new NU president, which ended up yielding a candidate not even on the committee's list who ended up sticking around for a short term. Now a new search committee will have to pay more money to find a new NU president.

It's time for the regents to open the doors and become accountable.

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Tattoos are 'addictive' with college students

By KAREN NEUSTADT

CPS — After 15 not-too-painful minutes in the tattoo parlor, Virginia Tech University freshman Nicole Popovich pulled up her jeans, plunked down \$40 and walked out with a tiny Japanese symbol of courage etched on her hip.

"It was my last rebellious act," she said.

Popovich, like many college students of the '90's, is into body art. The trend means bare bodies are out. Bodies that are decorated, stamped, stenciled, tattooed or pierced are in.

"They're addictive," Popovich said of her black tattoo, which she could buy cheaper than a colored one.

"Once you get one — it's such an art, it's an art form — you want more."

The communications major, who noted that she wouldn't dream of piercing any part of her body, has carefully planned her next tattoo.

"I was thinking about getting one on the inside of my ankle. You know, more on my foot. Maybe the sun with the yin-yang in the middle," she said, adding that a good friend also wants the same symbol tattooed on her foot.

Has Popovich shared her secret with her parents?

"No way. But I have no regrets," she said of her decision to tattoo. "The symbol means something to me. I wanted something to remind me of what is important."

The practice of pricking the third layer of skin and filling the

scratches with indelible ink has its beginnings in Polynesia. Once a counterculture status symbol in this country, it's now hit the middle class. The more recent trend has its roots in the entertainment industry; many pop culture idols now proudly display tattoos that would have once been treated with disdain by middle-class college students.

Some high profile tattoos include Cher's black-lace patterned bottom which made the tabloids, Rosanne and Tom Arnold's matching hearts, Robert Deniro's chestful of fire-and-brimstone symbols in "Cape Fear," and more rock stars than you can shake a needle at.

Even in the Midwest, the hippest, hottest thing to do is show off a tattoo. At Iowa State University, members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity recently flaunted matching ankle tattoos — Greek letters — in a photograph in the *Iowa State Daily*.

Tattoo artist Chris Ryder works at Lace and Leather, a tattoo and body piercing business in Tucson, Ariz., where droves of University of Arizona students come to get poked, pierced and scratched in the name of beauty.

Ryder said that older style tattoos used bold lines and poor color, and would fade through the years. Now students bring pictures in that are meticulously traced, and through a transfer process, copied onto their skin.

For a cool \$90-per-hour fee, Ryder will fill a student's entire back with an elaborate tattoo that may take up to 18 hours to complete. However, most student tattoos are more conservative:

Greek letters discreetly placed on an ankle, or a tiny heart on a breast.

Most students pay \$35 to \$45 for a one-color tattoo about the size of a fifty-cent piece, but the price climbs with each additional color. The more unusual the color, the more the tattoo will cost.

"Custom pieces are a challenge. I try to pick it out of their brain and put it on their skin," Ryder said, noting that in Arizona, you have to be 18 years old to be tattooed or have your body pierced.

Ryder draws the line with certain types of tattoos.

"When it's a kid, and they want something satanic, I try to talk them out of it," said Ryder, who won't etch racial symbols on anyone, either.

"No one should be judged by their skin, before or after they're born," he said, referring to people who look down their noses at people with tattoos.

Patrick Tien, a sophomore at George Mason University in

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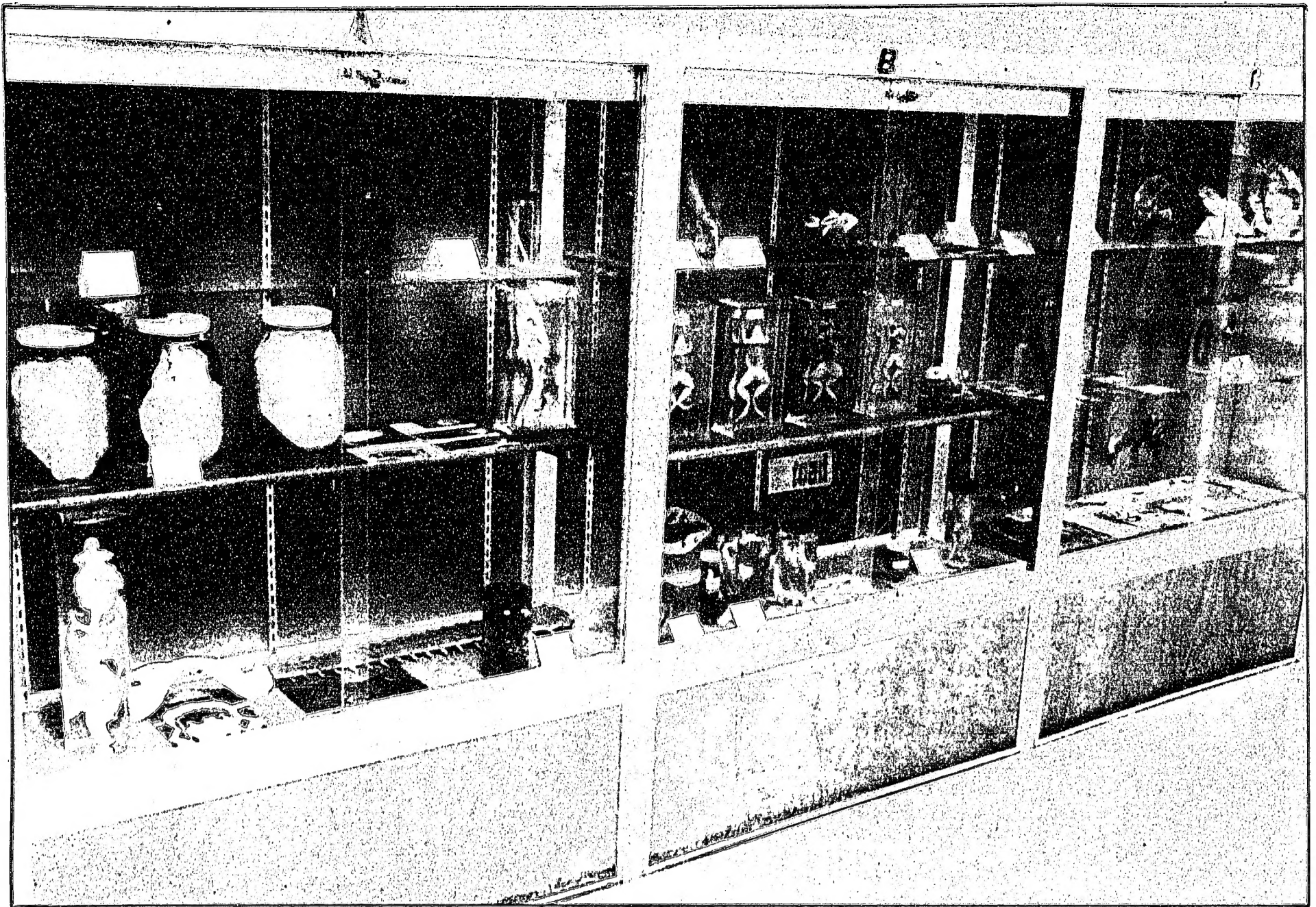
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The first floor of Allwine Hall features a display case filled with specimens used by the biology department. All kinds of animals are featured, including specimens of a shrimp, a frog and a tick, below, respectively.

Rabbits and frogs and birds, oh my

Students passing through Allwine Hall's first floor quickly realize they are not alone. A menagerie of birds, spiders, rabbits, frogs and other animals line the hallways. These animals are a part of the series of displays set up by the biology department.

In addition to the insects and mammals, there are also shell and fossil exhibitions on display. Steele R. Lunt, professor of biology, said the displays serve educational purposes.

"There are two reasons for the cases," Lunt said. "One, for use by students in Biology 1750 and 488 so they can look at the material they are studying. Two, to provide educational opportunity for students in general."

Although some of the specimens are dissected and labeled to show internal organs, Lunt said he hasn't received any complaints from passers-by.

"The dissected specimens would turn off some people, like strong animal rights activists," Lunt said, "but these are teaching aids. The students in the classes realize their importance and many other people look in the cases to pass the time."

Many of the mammal, amphibian and insect specimens were purchased via biological supply companies. However, Lunt said this gets expensive and thus the display has grown slowly.

"I still continue to add material in there from time to time," Lunt said. "The set-up itself was probably put up approximately ten years ago, the bulk of it."

The mammal display case includes a mole, rabbits and several species of birds. Lunt said that those displays were arranged by other department officials.

"I got the bird specimens from our ornithologist who put those together for me and our mammal specialist put the mammals together for me," Lunt said.

Although UNO offers no class designed exclusively for taxidermy, many students learn how to prepare animal and bird skins in biology classes. Because other departmental officials gathered the specimens, Lunt allows that some of the animals might be student-prepared.

Aside from purchasing the specimens, some displays contain donated material. A majority of the shell and coral collection was donated five years ago by a well-traveled student. The mole was collected by Lunt's son and given to the department.

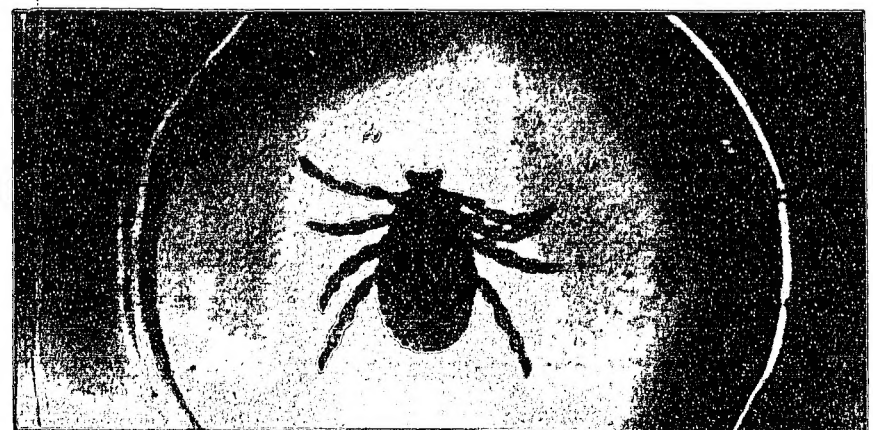
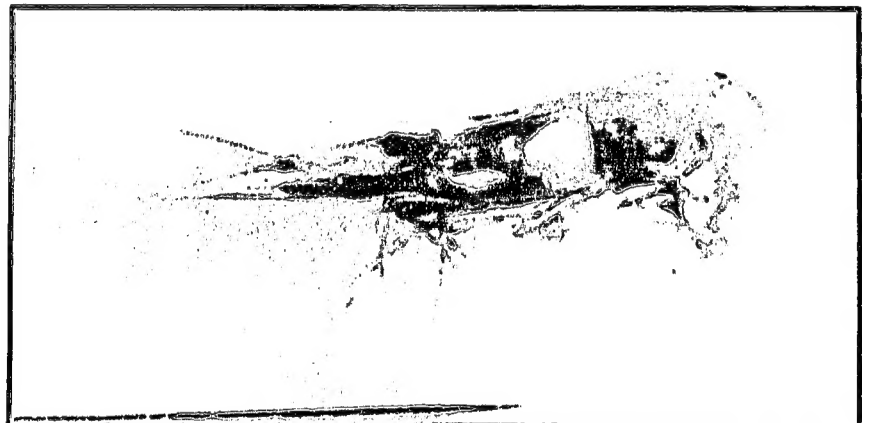
Lunt said the longevity of the collection depends on the proper care given to preserve the dried specimens. The birds and mammals must be fumigated once a year and the fluid in the contained specimens must be kept at a certain level. The shells and fossils last indefinitely.

During the years of "Celebrate UNO," many people toured the display cases and grade schools scheduled field trips. Since that event has been discontinued, Lunt said few people realize the displays are here.

"Except for one general classroom down here, only biology students pass by these cases," Lunt said. "I'd like to attract more people to look at them because I think they are worth looking at."

Story by Julia Ybarra

Photos by Ed Carlson



Findings on passive smoke 'long overdue'

By ELIZABETH TAPE

On Jan. 7, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Administrator William K. Reilly announced the final conclusions of EPA's assessment on the respiratory health effects of passive smoking.

In its fact sheet summarizing the findings, the EPA concluded that "exposure to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) — commonly known as second-hand smoke — is responsible for approximately 3,000 lung cancer deaths each year in nonsmoking adults and impairs the respiratory health of hundreds of thousands of children."

In adults, the report found that "ETS is a human lung carcinogen, classified as a Group A carcinogen, a classification reserved for those compounds or mixtures which have been shown to cause cancer in humans."

In children, "ETS exposure increases the risk of lower respiratory tract infections, increases the prevalence of fluid in the middle ear, a sign of chronic ear disease, irritates the upper respiratory tract and is associated with a significant reduction in lung function, increases the frequency of episodes and severity of symptoms in asthmatic children and is a risk factor for new cases of asthma in children who have not previously displayed symptoms."

The summary of the findings concludes by saying, "Although EPA does not have any regulatory authority for controlling ETS, the agency expects this report to be of value to other health professionals and policy-makers in taking appropriate steps to minimize people's exposure to tobacco smoke in indoor environments."

The report was based on a review of more than 100 studies.

Dr. Paul Paulman, assistant professor of Family Practice at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, calls the report "long overdue."

Among the dangers of ETS, Paulman cites

"recurrent infections in children — recurrent ear and respiratory infections — and the development of lung malignancies in people who should not get them. There is also the acceleration of heart disease in people who should not have it and the worsening of asthma."

Paulman said he is astonished that the report came out. "It took a fair amount of courage for them to do this. This is another brick thrown at the tobacco industry and hopefully a few more people will quit."

Paulman is hopeful the report will have wide implications for policy-making throughout the nation.

As another consequence of the report, Paulman said, "I hope our Legislature will look at the tax aspect also, as far as increasing the tobacco tax."

Attorney John F. Banzhaf III, professor of law at George Washington University, is the founder and executive director of Action on Smoking and Health (ASH), a national nonprofit Washington-based organization that studies the effects of tobacco smoke.

Banzhaf said he assesses the major conclusions of the report to be "the finding that ETS is a 'Group A carcinogen,' in the same category as asbestos, arsenic and benzene, and the cataloging of the very significant health hazard that ETS presents to young children."

From a legal standpoint, Banzhaf said, the report is significant in that "it removes the last obstacle to regulation of tobacco smoke by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA)."

Second, Banzhaf said, the report can be used "to persuade legislators that it's time to go from separate smoking and non-smoking sections to a system of smoke-free. The EPA report will also help us in a series of legal actions where we've already been generally successful — getting compensation for employees who are injured on the job as a result of exposure to tobacco smoke."

With regard to the findings for children, Banzhaf said, "It will help a trend already well underway to consider parental smoking as an issue in custody cases — to persuade judges to issue orders to prohibit smoking around children even in the home."

Like Paulman, Banzhaf commends the EPA for releasing the report. "I think Reilly wanted to go out with a bang rather than a whimper. He's going out as a major hero and I think he deserves it."

About smoking on his own campus, George Washington University, Banzhaf said, "We have a smoking section in our law school and it's outdoors."

Dave Castilow, UNO director of business

services and chairman of the UNO ad hoc committee on smoking, said, "It's a serious enough issue, it needs to be looked at from time to time. This document would certainly be a catalyst to say, 'Maybe we should look at this again.'"

Mark Welsch, president of The Group to Alleviate Smoking Pollution (GASP) of Nebraska, said "The level of ventilation required to adequately clear the air of carcinogens from ETS to a level acceptable to the EPA would require a gale-force wind going through a building."

Instead, he suggests, "The best way, the cheapest way to get rid of ETS is to simply remove the source."

Using the buddy system to quit

By ELIZABETH TAPE

Among the 30 million Americans who have stopped smoking is Lisa Stillahn, secretary specialist in the University of Nebraska Medical Center's Oncology Section.

"I started smoking when I was about 17, and I did it because all of my friends were smoking. It was the 'cool' thing to do."

Seventeen years later, Lisa said, she and a friend decided to quit. "I decided to decrease my risk of getting cancer by quitting smoking, and since I work in oncology, I type up all kinds of reports and see all kinds of statistics, and I wanted to quit."

One thing that helped, Lisa said, was deciding to quit with a friend. "I think the buddy system really worked. I called her a couple of times to see how she was doing when I had a crisis. I see her every

day at work, and that does help tremendously. We made a plan to call each other and encourage each other to not light up."

Seven and a half months later (including two months using the nicotine patch), Lisa said, "I feel better — it's easier to walk up steps. Another benefit is that I have all this money now, I'm able to go out and buy myself special gifts."

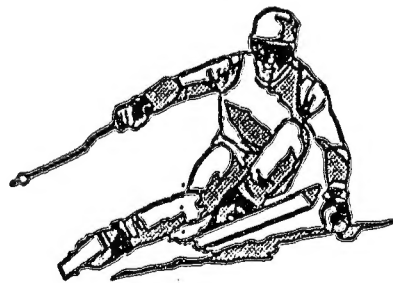
In addition, Lisa said, "My husband doesn't smoke and most of our friends don't smoke and my family doesn't smoke anymore, so when we get together for holidays and birthdays and things, it makes things a lot easier because I couldn't smoke around them. I'd have to go somewhere else to smoke."

"My uncle is ecstatic, and my doctor is pleased, too."

Despite occasional difficult moments, Lisa said, "I'm going to kick this and not do it anymore. I have a positive attitude about it."

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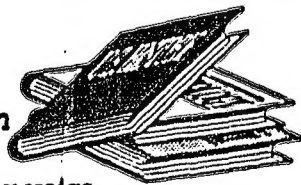
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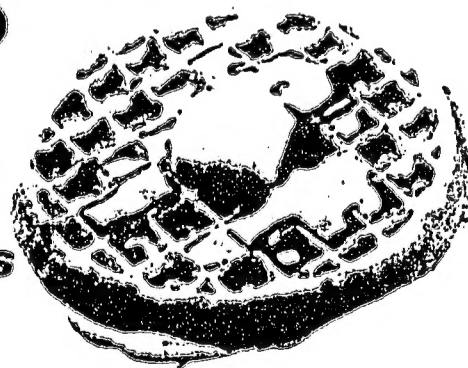


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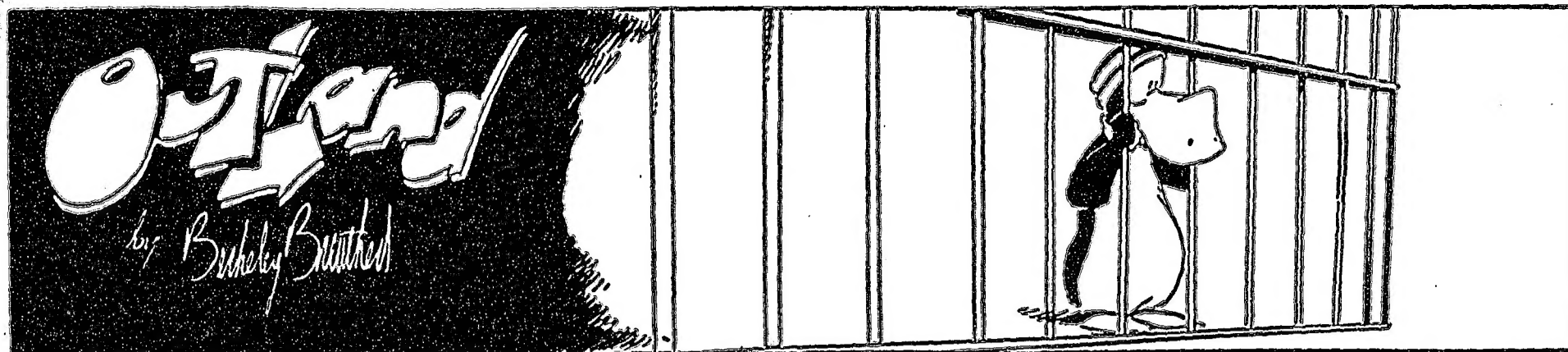
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Four Mavs grab titles in open

By TIM ROHWER

Saturday's weather may have been bleak and snowy, but it was a bright day for UNO wrestler Darin Tietz.

Tietz was named the outstanding wrestler of the 111 wrestlers who competed in the Maverick Open held at the Fieldhouse.

Tietz finished 4-0 to win the 225-280 pound championship, including a 1-0 win in the championship round over Mankato State University's Brad Henry.

Besides Tietz, three other Mavericks won titles in their respective weight divisions.

Jimmie Foster was 3-0 in the 122-125 pound division, Jeff Sill was 3-0 in the 130-132 division, defeating teammate Andrew Bauer in the championship round. Dan Radik finished 3-0 in the 180-186 division.

In all, 12 of Maverick 17 wrestlers entered placed among the top four in their respective weight divisions in the meet.

Ryan Panowicz of the University of Nebraska at Kearney (UNK) won the award for the most falls in the least amount of time, recording two in a total of four minutes and 27 seconds. No team scoring was kept.

Ten schools, from Iowa and Northern Iowa, Iowa State, Mankato State and UNK, competed at the meet.

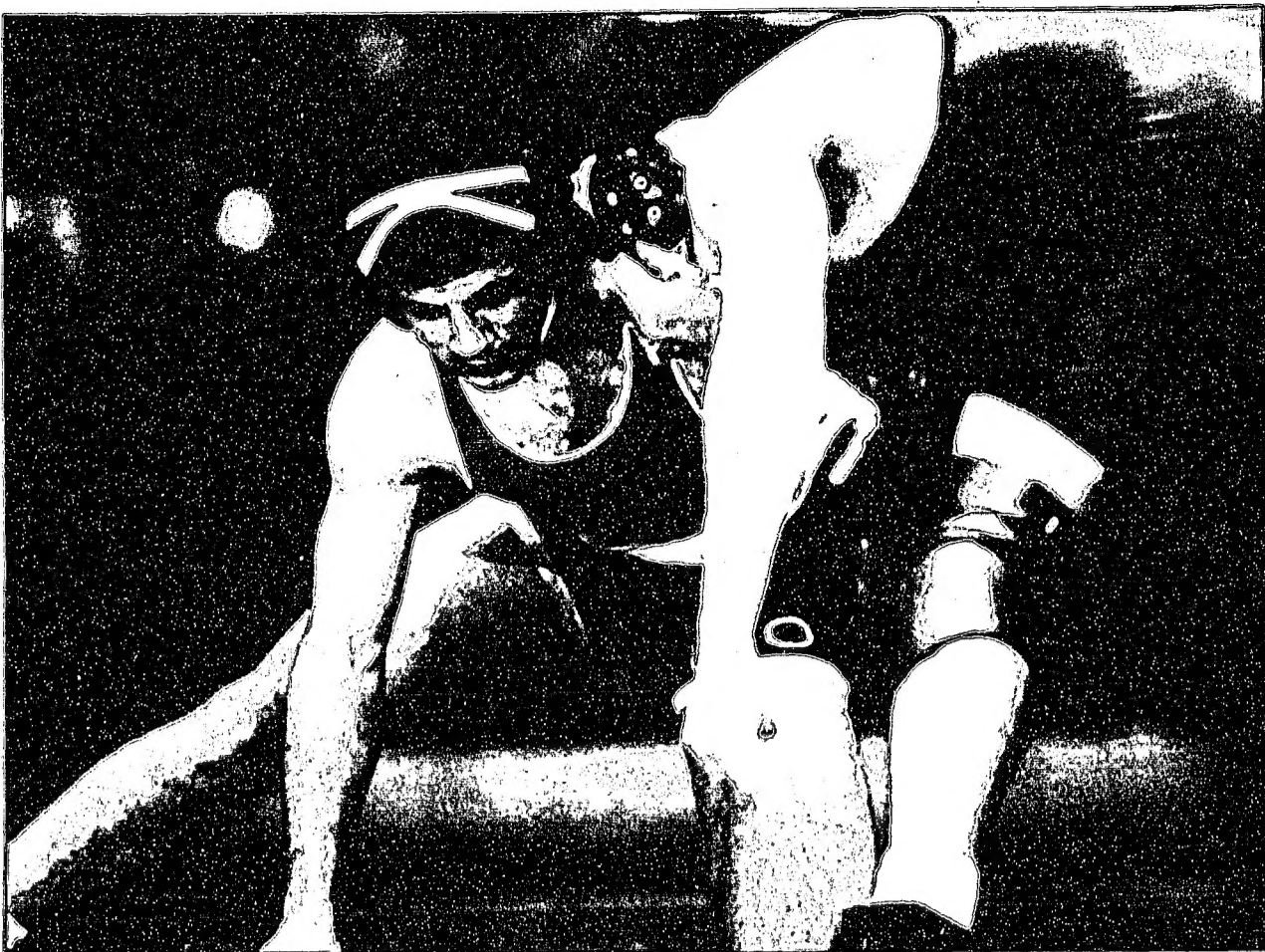
UNO Coach Mike Denney said during the meet he was pleased with the turnout at the meet.

"It's nice to have that many. We've beaten some good people," he said. "I'm really pleased with the turnout, especially because Lincoln (University of Nebraska-Lincoln) is having their open today as well. We've got the same number of wrestlers as we've always gotten."

Even though no team scoring is kept during this particular event, open tournaments serve an important role in the team's improvement, said Denney.

"The purpose of these open meets is to get our guys some matches. You can't progress without 20 or 25 matches," he said. "It takes that many matches to reach our peak, to jell, so to speak."

The following are the results of the UNO wrestlers who



—ED CARLSON

UNO wrestler Steve Constanzo, left, uses his right arm and leg to balance himself to avoid a takedown during the Maverick Open Saturday. Constanzo reached the finals in the 140-148 pound division.

competed in the championship rounds:

- Jimmie Foster defeated Mike Mena of Iowa in the 122-125 pound division.
- Jeff Sill defeated teammate Andrew Bauer in the 130-132 pound division.
- Rick Williams of Iowa State defeated Marc Bauer in the 136-138 pound division.
- Ken Johnson of Iowa defeated Steve Costanzo in the 140-148 pound division.
- Jim Gale of Mankato State defeated Shane Allison in the 150-156 pound division.

- Dan Ripperger defeated teammate Jason Hutson for third place in the 160-164 pound division.
- Brian Kelly defeated Cory Jones of Ellsworth Community College of Iowa for third place in the 165-170 pound division.
- Dan Radik defeated Stacy Richardson of the University of Dubuque in the 180-186 pound division.
- Wade Kroeze of Ellsworth defeated Pat Kelly in the 191-210 pound division.
- Darrin Tietz defeated Brad Henry of Mankato State in the 225-280 pound division.



—ED CARLSON

UNO wrestler Marc Bauer, right, in action at the Maverick Open Saturday. Bauer reached the finals in the 136-138 pound division.

COSU takes top spot in showdown against Mavs

By TIM ROHWER

The UNO wrestling team's first dual match of the season turned out to be a disappointing one for the Mavericks.

Central Oklahoma State University defeated the Mavericks 28-11 in the Fieldhouse Friday night.

It was a battle of two top 10 wrestling powers. Going into the match, the visiting Bronchos were listed at number two in the division II behind North Dakota State University, according to Amateur Wrestling News. UNO was ranked eighth.

Following the match, UNO Coach Mike Denney felt the Broncho's ranking was too low.

"They are the best team. They deserve to be number one," he said.

Central Oklahoma State, with two All-Americans, Travis Moman and Todd Drake, on its roster, won seven of the 10 matches. Jeff Sill, Dan Radik and Pat Kelly were the three UNO wrestlers who won their matches.

While this was UNO's first dual match of the season, the Bronchos came into Friday night's action with three dual matches under their belts, including a victory against Augustana College the previous evening.

Denney said he thought the experience contributed to the Bronchos win.

"They had a chance to compete last night (Thursday) and I think it helped them," he said.

"It was not a good performance for us

tonight, although Jeff Sill performed well. He beat an All-American."

Sill, who was held scoreless during the first two periods, scored eight points in the final period, to defeat Moman 8-1 in the 126-pound match.

Sill credits his conditioning for his victory.

"I depend on my shape. I feel confident, although I would like to get some of my Christmas weight off," he said.

The following are the results of the 10 matches:

- 118-pound division: the Bronchos' Randy Zellner defeated Jimmie Foster, 3-1.
- 126-pound division: Jeff Sill defeated the Bronchos' Travis Moman, 8-1.
- 134-pound division: the Bronchos' Mike Feim defeated Marc Bauer, 4-2.
- 142-pound division: the Bronchos' Todd Drake defeated Steve Costanzo, 7-6.
- 150-pound division: the Bronchos' Lynn Fidler pinned Shane Allison in the second period.
- 158-pound division: the Bronchos' Wes White pinned Dan Ripperger in the third period.
- 167-pound division: the Bronchos' Keith Cunningham defeated Tony DeGeorge, 13-2.
- 177-pound division: Dan Radik defeated the Bronchos' Chris Griffin, 10-2.
- 190-pound division: Pat Kelly defeated the Bronchos' Chad Drake, 12-3.
- Heavyweight division: the Bronchos' Denny Kennedy defeated Dan Carriker, 7-1.

Bears maul Mavs on home court

By TIM ROHWER

The falling snow outside could not inspire the ball to fall through the hoop for the UNO men's basketball team inside the Fieldhouse Saturday night.

The Mavericks shot a cold 18.5 percent from the field, while scoring just 13 points in the first half in their North Central Conference home opener, sealing their 83-52 loss to the University of Northern Colorado Bears.

"We got beat bad," UNO Coach Bob Hanson said after the game. "We shot well, we just didn't make them. Everybody missed and Northern Colorado played extremely well."

The Mavericks' cold shooting became evident midway through the first half when UNO went nearly 10 minutes without scoring a basket.

With 13:21 remaining in the half, Maverick freshman center John Skokan scored a layup to make the score Northern Colorado 9, UNO 8. With the exception of a free throw made by junior forward Mike Conley, UNO couldn't score again until 3:37 seconds remained when senior guard Ron Walker hit a jumper from the right baseline. By then, the Bears led 23-11.

Junior forward/guard Ryan Elrod closed the first half scoring for the Mavericks by making two free throws with one minute remaining. The Bears led at the half 29-13.

The Bears scored the first four points in the second half and steadily increased their

lead thereafter, scoring four unanswered baskets twice during the first 12 minutes. With 6:42 remaining, the Bears led by 33 points, 64-31, their biggest lead of the game.

Sparking the Bears' offense were two slam dunks by senior forward Terrance Williams which brought the Bears' coaches and players jumping off their bench in excitement.

Junior guard Derek Chaney of the Bears led all scorers with 17 points, while sophomore center Hans Geerts led the Maverick scorers with 16 points. Walker had 11 points for the Mavericks.

"A lot of us weren't on tonight, although Walker and Geerts played well," Elrod said after the game. "We just have to come together. We know we have a good team."

Hanson added, "We have youth and no leadership. We need someone to make something positive happen."

The victory for the Bears was their third straight road win in the conference.

"Anytime you have a road win it's always a plus," Bears' Coach Ken Smith said. "The kids are playing hard."

Smith also said he was impressed with UNO.

"UNO plays hard and has good young players," he said.

The loss brings UNO's record to 3-8, including an 0-3 mark in the conference. The Mavericks' next game is against North Dakota State University in the Fieldhouse Friday night, when they will host the University of North Dakota Saturday.



—ED CARLSON

Mav Guard Ron Walker, No. 10, shoots over Northern Colorado defender Dwayne Reliford during the UNO's North Central Conference home opener Saturday. Northern Colorado won 83-52.

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Wiles fractures foot, unable to play for rest of the season

UNO's Lady Mavs basketball team will be without the services of junior Roxanne Wiles for the remainder of the 1992-93 season. Wiles, who played guard, fractured the fifth metatarsal of her foot in the Dec. 29 game against Peru State College.

Before her injury, Wiles was the team's second leading scorer averaging 13.1 points per game. She also led the Lady Mavs in free throw shooting with a 78.5 percent mark.

UNO wrestlers line up five teams for semester opener

The UNO wrestling team will be back in action Saturday when they meet Mankato State University in a North Central Conference dual. The teams will wrestle at 3 p.m. at Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs during the Metro Conference High School Meet.

On Jan. 22, the wrestlers will host a three-team match in the Fieldhouse. The Mavs' opponents will be the University of North Dakota and Central Missouri State University. The match will begin at 6 p.m.

The following evening, Jan. 23, the Mavs will host North Dakota State University at 7 p.m. North Dakota State is currently ranked number one in the nation, according to Amateur Wrestling News.

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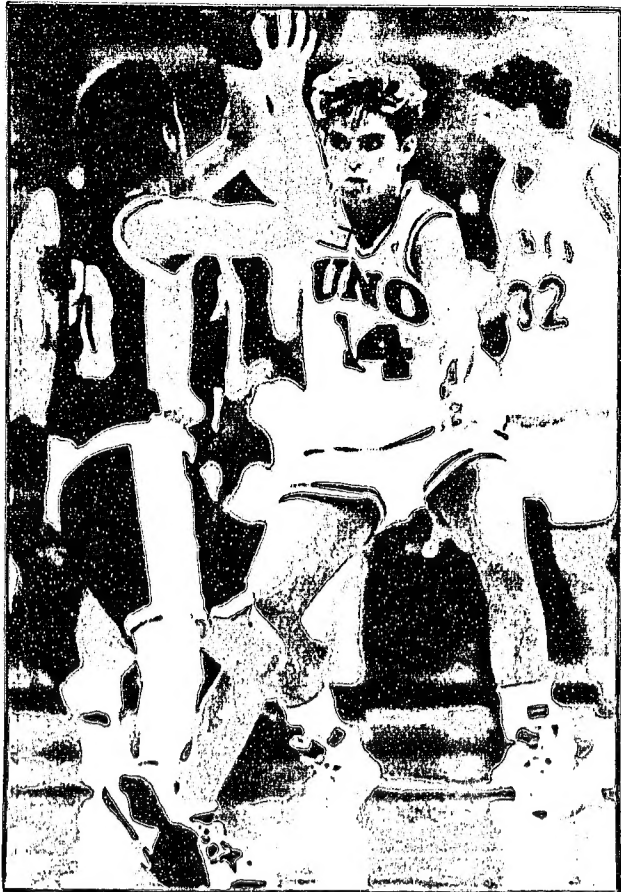
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UNO's Stacy McArthur, No. 14, pressures a Northern Colorado player.

Buzzer beater sinks Lady Mavs

By TIM ROHWER

Two seconds.

It was enough time for the University of Northern Colorado women's basketball team to beat the UNO Lady Mavs Saturday night in the Fieldhouse.

Senior forward Stephanie Anderson of the visiting Bears drove from the left baseline and scored a layup with just two seconds remaining to break a 54-54 tie and sent the home team down to defeat 56-54.

The loss was a bitter one for the Lady Mavs, who came from seven points behind late in the game to tie on two free throws made by senior center Sandy Skradski with 24 seconds remaining.

"I'm real disappointed," Lady Mavs Coach Cherri Mankenberg said after the game. "This should have been our win. Northern Colorado is not as strong as the other teams in the conference."

On paper, the Lady Mavs appeared to be the better team. While they came into Saturday's game with 3-7, the Bears came in with only two wins.

Nevertheless, the Bears led by as many as five points on two different occasions in the first half.

The Lady Mavs came back, though, and tied the visitors at the half, 29 to 29.

The second half featured plenty of outside shooting. UNO's senior forward Marsha Moore opened the spree by scoring on a 17-foot jump shot. One minute later, the UNC junior forward Stacey Reystead scored with a 15-foot shot.

After the Bears went ahead 46 to 39, UNO freshman guard Stacy McArthur hit a three pointer to cut the deficit to

46-42. McArthur hit another three pointer to cut UNO's deficit to 54-52 with about 1:50 remaining.

After Skradski's two free throws tied the game with 24 seconds remaining, the Lady Mavs were unable to get the ball back even though it became loose near the left baseline with five seconds remaining.

Anderson, though, was able to grab the ball and score the winning layup.

A scary moment came with about three minutes to play when UNO's senior guard Lisa Rath fell and struck her head on the floor after running into a Northern Colorado player.

After lying on the floor for about a minute, Rath rose to her feet and walked back to the bench assisted by UNO trainers. Afterwards, Mankenberg said Rath was uninjured.

Mankenberg said the team needs to hustle more if they are to improve.

"There were a couple of segments in the game where we were outthusted. That's what is so disappointing," she said. "Everybody got rest time. It's not as if they were playing the whole time. We started strong, then we let up. We were just hanging around with the ball."

Rath and sophomore guard Linda Schabloske led the Lady Mavs in scoring with five points each. Senior guard Lisa Gurzick led the Bears' scoring also with five points.

The loss gives the Lady Mavs a record of 3-8 heading into Friday night's game against North Dakota State University and the University of North Dakota on Saturday, both games will be played at the Fieldhouse.

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